

Petty matters are taken up in the House...*(Interruptions)*
but human rights...*(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : It is of course a grave issue.

(Interruptions)

SHRI MAJOR SINGH UBOKE : The issue concerns thousands of people. The Report submitted in the court should also be laid on the Table because now the matter is an open secret...*(Interruptions)*

PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA : We want an assurance from the hon. Minister...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI MAJOR SINGH UBOKE : The Home Minister may be asked to lay the report on the Table and to intimate to the House what action is proposed to be taken against the guilty persons...*(Interruptions)* The Home Minister must spell out the details in the House...*(Interruptions)*

PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA : It is not an isolated incident. It is only a preliminary report and the final report is still to be submitted...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI MAJOR SINGH UBOKE : At present Congress party is in power in Punjab...*(Interruptions)*

PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA : In the end I would quote a couplet :

"Nanak naam chardi Kala,

tere bhane sab da bhalaa"... *(Interruptions)*

we are being projected as barbarous and dreaded criminals...*(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : It is being discussed here.

PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA : As per the report, 984 persons have been identified...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI MAJOR SINGH UBOKE : The hon. Home Minister should make a Statement here... *(Interruptions)*

[English]

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : Please sit down

(Interruptions)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : I will allow you

(Interruptions)

SARDAR SURJIT SINGH BARNALA (Sangrur) : Sir, this is a very serious matter where about a thousand persons were cremated under very suspicious circumstances. It is a very serious matter and that is why, it has been brought to the notice of the House. Since a report like that has come, it is being requested that the Minister of Home Affairs should consider taking further action in the matter...*(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : I will allow you.

SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI (Deogarh) : Sir, after so many issues, some of them having political overtones, I would like to raise a matter of human suffering. As you know, the All India Institute of Medical Sciences is a very prestigious hospital under the Government of India. Patients drawn from all parts of the country come here with high hopes and optimism for treatment. The Board of Management of that Institute is headed by the Minister of Health. In such an Institute, a stalemate has been prevailing for the last one week — today, it is the sixth day—and as a result the functioning has been paralysed. The doctors are on strike because of some controversy. There was a death somehow and a case had been registered against some doctors for negligence of duty and so on. Some hooligans also raided the hospital and assaulted the doctors. There is a sense of insecurity on the part of the doctors... *(Interruptions)* Whatever it is, the doctor's strike is continuing, and the doctors of Safdarjung Hospital have also joined in that strike.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : Please conclude.

DR. ASIM BALA (Navadwip) : Last time also we have raised the same issue. We want a statement from the Minister... *(Interruptions)*

[Translation]

SHRI TARIQ ANWAR : The Government should issue direction...*(Interruptions)* It should intervene at the earliest

[English]

SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI : Some patients have been discharged from these hospitals, and the houses of the Members of Parliament have been flooded with these patients. The stalemate is going on and we want to know about the reason and the latest position. This is a Government of India Hospital and the Minister of Health is its President. Let there be a statement immediately by the Minister of Health today itself...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI SARAT PATTANAYAK (Bolangir) : The Government should come out with a statement.

SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI : Sir, please ask the Government to clarify the position and to make a statement today itself.

DR. ASIM BALA : The Minister should make a statement today itself.

SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI : Sir, the Government should immediately intervene, and it should come out with a statement on what is the latest position.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : I cannot force the hon. Minister to say something on this. But if he is willing to say anything, he can say it.

(Interruptions)

SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI : Sir, let the Minister of Parliamentary Affair say something on this ...*(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : The Home Minister wants to say something.

SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI : This issue should be settled amicably..*(Interruptions)*

SHRI SRIKANTA JENA : The Minister of Health will make a statement, if possible or, by tomorrow latest. The Government will make all efforts to resolve the strike there. Immediate action will be taken against the culprits..*(Interruptions)*

13.00 hrs.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now the House stands adjourned till 2.00 P.M.

*The Lok Sabha then adjourned for Lunch till
Fourteen of the Clock*

14.05 hrs.

*The Lok Sabha re-assembled after Lunch at Five
Minutes past Fourteen of the Clock.*

(Mr Deputy-Speaker in the Chair)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : Now we shall take up Item Number 8

ELECTION TO COMMITTEE

Indian Council of Agricultural Research

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : Sir, I beg to move

"That in pursuance of Rule 4 (vii) of the Rules of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, the Members of this House do proceed to elect, in such manner as the Speaker may direct, four Members from among themselves to serve as members of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, subject to other provisions of the said Rules."

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : The questions :

"That in pursuance of Rule 4 (vii) of the Rules of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, the Members of this House do proceed to elect, in such manner as the Speaker may direct, four Members from among themselves to serve as members of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, subject to other provisions of the said Rules."

The motion was adopted.

14.08 hrs.

THE TELECOM REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF INDIA *BILL, 1996

[Translation]

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA) : Sir, I move that leave be granted to introduce the Bill to provide for the establishment of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India to regulate the telecommunication services and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

[English]

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : The question is

"That leave be granted* to introduce a Bill to provide for the establishment of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India to regulate the telecommunication services, and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto."

The motion was adopted.

[Translation].

SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA : Sir, I introduce** the Bill.

14.09 hrs.

MATTERS UNDER RULE 377

- (i) **Need for Boulder Pitching alongside Sone River in Mohammadganj and Maghiyaon in Palamu and Garhwa District Bihar.**

[Translation]

SHRI BRAJ MOHAN RAM (Palamu) : The Constant erosion caused by Koyal river in Mohammadganj and river Sone in Manjaria to Kabrakalan, Hussainabad Block and Majhgaon, Distt Palamu and Garhwa, of Bihar may submerge several villages. Every year silt is deposited in cultivable land in Bihar. Land is the main problem of the terrorist affected Palamu and every year soil erosion in reducing the cultivable land. I would urge the union Government to undertake boulder pitching along the banks of Koyal river and Sone river to avoid loss of life and property as well as cultivable land.

- (ii) **Need to evolve a scheme for development of slum areas in Delhi**

SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL (Chandni Chowk-Delhi) : In Delhi, There are a large number of slum

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